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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a progressive game, the system comprising:

a progressive management device including:

_____ an interface; and

_____ a progressive engine for maintaining a progressive game, the progressive management device being coupled by the interface to a first gaming system and a second gaming system, the first gaming system including a first set of progressive payout parameters and the second gaming system including a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first set of progressive payout parameters, the progressive management device operable to adjust one or more progressive payout parameters such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and a percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and second gaming system.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, the progressive management device further comprising:

an progressive payout parameter analyzer analysis engine operable to examine a plurality gaming systems and progressive payout parameters; and

_____ an integrator operable to integrate progressive games having different progressive payout parameters into a single progressive.

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3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the progressive management device is coupled to the gaming systems through a network.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the progressive management device includes a currency conversion device for converting data provided from one of the gaming systems into a predetermined ~~universal~~ currency.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the currency conversion is performed in real-time.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the progressive management device is operable to provide information on ~~a~~ the progressive game to user gaming interfaces, wherein the information includes ~~the a~~ a value of the progressive jackpot.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the information is provided to the user gaming interfaces in real-time.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein a value of the progressive jackpot is reset when a user attains ~~a~~ the progressive jackpot.

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9. (Currently Amended) A method for including systems having different progressive payout parameters into the same progressive, comprising:
- initiating a progressive game;
 - ~~receiving a request from~~ providing a first gaming system to participate in a progressive jackpot;
 - ~~receiving a request from and providing~~ a second gaming system to participate in ~~a the~~ progressive jackpot, the first gaming system having a first set of progressive payout parameters and the second gaming system having a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first set of progressive payout parameters; and
 - calculating a percentage of wager to be applied by each gaming system to the progressive jackpot, the calculation being based on the first and second sets of progressive payout parameters, wherein the first and second sets of progressive payout parameters are adjusted such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and the second gaming systems.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- analyzing the first and second set of progressive payout parameters.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of gaming systems, wherein the percentage of wager to be applied for each gaming system is calculated such that the product of progressive payout parameters of the wager amount necessary to participate in the progressive jackpot, the odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot~~odds and wager amount and the percentage of wager applied~~ are equal for each gaming system.
12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the progressive payout parameters include game odds.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the progressive payout parameters include a currency type.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a progressive game, the system comprising:

a progressive management device coupled to a gaming server, the gaming server including two or more gaming systems, wherein one gaming system includes a first set of progressive payout parameters and a second gaming system includes a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first progressive payout parameters, wherein the first and second set of progressive payout parameters are adjusted such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and a percentage of the wager to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and the second gaming systems.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for including gaming systems having different currency types ~~to in~~ a progressive jackpot, comprising:

~~receiving input from~~ identifying one or more gaming servers seeking participation in a progressive jackpot;

analyzing characteristics of each gaming system, wherein the characteristics include the currency type of the gaming system;

converting the currency type of each gaming system into a standard currency; and

including one or more gaming systems in the progressive jackpot by adjusting progressive payout parameters for each gaming system such that a product of a wager amount to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and a percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal ~~varying the percentage of the gaming system's wager applied to the progressive jackpot.~~

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16. (Currently Amended) A-The method of claim 9, further comprising:
~~method for validating the progressive payout parameters in for the gaming systems~~
~~participating in a progressive jackpot, comprising including:~~
~~receiving requests from one or more gaming servers including one or more gaming~~
~~systems to participate in a progressive, wherein the gaming systems include a first gaming~~
~~system having a first set of progressive payout parameters and a second gaming system having a~~
~~second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first progressive payout~~
~~parameters;~~
~~analyzing characteristics of each gaming system, the characteristics including the~~
~~progressive payout parameters;~~
~~validating the progressive payout parameters of the gaming systems, including~~
~~verifying that game odds and a payoff are consistent and within predetermined criteria;~~
and
including validated gaming systems in the progressive jackpot.

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17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of gaming systems;

a first gaming server;

a second gaming server; and

a progressive management server coupled through a network to the first gaming server and the second gaming server, the first gaming server belonging to a first enterprise and the second gaming server belonging to a second enterprise, each enterprise of the first and second enterprises including one or more gaming systems being coupled to one of the first or the second gaming servers.

~~A system for including gaming systems from different enterprises and having a same progressive payout parameters to a progressive, comprising:~~

~~— a progressive management server coupled through a network to two or more gaming servers, the gaming servers operated by two or more enterprises; and~~

~~— the gaming servers operating one or more gaming systems having same progressive payout parameters.~~

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the gaming systems have different progressive payout parameters.

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19. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a progressive outcome, comprising:
receiving data at a progressive management device concerning a wager placed by a user of a participating gaming system;
determining a percentage of the wager to be applied to a progressive jackpot based on progressive payout parameters analysis, the analysis including adjusting one or more progressive payout parameters such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for each participating gaming system;
~~the progressive payout parameters including game odds and wager amount;~~
incrementing the progressive jackpot;
executing a random number generator calculation using the ~~game~~ odds from the gaming system progressive payout parameters; and
transmitting results of the random number generator calculation to a participating gaming system.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein a percentage of a wager to be applied to a progressive jackpot is determined through retrieval of previous analysis results from a database.

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21. (New) A computer program product, stored on a computer-readable medium, for including systems having different progressive payout parameters into the same progressive, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

initiate a progressive game;

providing a first gaming system to participate in a progressive jackpot;

providing a second gaming system to participate in the progressive jackpot, the first gaming system having a first set of progressive payout parameters and the second gaming system having a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first set of progressive payout parameters; and

calculate a percentage of wager to be applied by each gaming system to the progressive jackpot, the calculation being based on the first and second sets of progressive payout parameters, wherein the first and second sets of progressive payout parameters are adjusted such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and the second gaming system.

22. (New) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising instructions operable to:

analyze the first and second set of progressive payout parameters.

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23. (New) A computer program product, stored on a computer-readable medium, for determining a progressive outcome, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

receive data at a progressive management device concerning a wager placed by a user of a participating gaming system;

determine a percentage of the wager to be applied to a progressive jackpot based on progressive payout parameters analysis, the analysis including adjusting one or more progressive payout parameters such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for each participating gaming system;

increment the progressive jackpot;

execute a random number generator calculation using the odds from the gaming system progressive payout parameters; and

transmit results of the random number generator calculation to a participating gaming system.

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